

then it was as just and expedient to have voted for it alone as to have voted for it in that assemblage of measures. We should have been warranted, therefore, in affirming that they did not mean to vote for such a reduction of limits; but we made no such assertion. They might have been secret purposes among the friends of the omnibus bill, but they were known only to its particular friends. We had no knowledge of such an intention. But all the amendments offered for that purpose failed, which is all that we asserted; and we are justified in saying that they voted against every proposition to reduce these limits. If they were willing to vote for such a reduction of the limits of public lands, the omnibus bill, which was a separate measure,—because if a bill, why not do so, it was as proper in a separate as in a combined measure. Why offer it to us in a connexion which incapacitated us from voting for it even if inclined to do so? It was known that we could not vote for it in connexion with the Texas feature.